

Northgate Stakeholder Group Subcommittee Recommendations
Proposed Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies from the Northgate
Area Comprehensive Plan (NACP)
June 22, 2004

1. Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies

The Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee of the Northgate Stakeholders Group has endorsed the Northgate goals and policies in Attachment 1. The full Northgate Stakeholders Group will consider the policies on June 24, 2004. The Stakeholders Group's comments and recommendations will be considered by the City Council when they add the Northgate goals and policies to the Neighborhood Planning Element of the Comprehensive Plan this fall.

The intent of making the NACP goals and policies part of the Comprehensive Plan is not to change their meaning. Instead, the object is to treat the NACP like the City's 37 other neighborhood plans, and to give it the status of a plan adopted according to the State Growth Management Act. Once approved, the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies would constitute the "adopted" Northgate Plan for City policy and regulatory purposes.

2. Howland Homes Proposed Rezone Policy

Attachment 2 addresses a policy change proposed by Howland Homes, a development company. In Resolution 30662, the City Council stated that such an amendment would be considered with the Comprehensive Plan revisions, after a neighborhood review process. The City Council has asked for advice from the Stakeholder Group on this issue. The Subcommittee did not support this policy change.

3. Environmental Review (SEPA) Policies

The Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee of the Northgate Stakeholders Group also endorsed amendments to the City's SEPA ordinance to include the Northgate policies that are now referred to in a stand-alone ordinance in the Appendix of the NACP. However, the Subcommittee did not get an opportunity to discuss another option, which the Department of Planning and Development (DPD's) proposed after the Subcommittee's June 15th meeting. Council staff recommends that the Subcommittee review the DPD option before making a final recommendation to the full Stakeholders Group. The options are described in more detail in Attachment 3.

If you have any questions about the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies or environmental policies, please call Rebecca Herzfeld of Council central staff at 206-615-1674, or via e-mail at rebecca.herzfeld@seattle.gov.

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